



# HSC Community Garden

Creating Solutions For a Healthier Community

## OVERVIEW

**The HSC Community Garden**, an initiative through the Office of Sustainability, was established in February 2014 through the Sustainability Committee and volunteer work. We have **35 (12'x4')** plots managed by students, employees, and community members. Each plot is required to donate at least **25%** of its yield through organized donations to food pantries.

### OUR MISSION

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- Enhance university and community engagement
- Promote sustainable food production
- Educate on health and nutrition, environmental stewardship, and gardening techniques

### GOVERNANCE

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Our garden is managed by the Office of Sustainability through Facilities Management and overseen by the Community Garden Steering Committee.

### EDUCATION

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We provide tours to many types of groups, including school children. We also offer workshops for gardeners and community members to learn various growing techniques and skills.

### SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

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- Organic growing methods
- 3-Bin composting system
- Water catchment system
- Repurposed picnic table
- Native plants areas



## HOW WE ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY:



Plot donation to **Lena Pope Early Learning Center**



Serve on the **Tarrant County Food Policy Council**



Garden harvest donations to local food pantries



Partner with other community organizations

As of Spring 2021, **10,130 lbs.** of food waste and **760 gallons** of coffee grounds have been diverted from landfills through composting, and we have donated **1,735 lbs.** of fresh produce to community and our own student pantries.



## GET INVOLVED

Interested in gardening or volunteering with us?  
Contact us to learn more and receive our weekly newsletter.  
We have a waiting list for plots if the garden is full and have  
volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

## SPONSORS

**We would like to thank the  
following organizations for  
the continued support of  
our garden:**

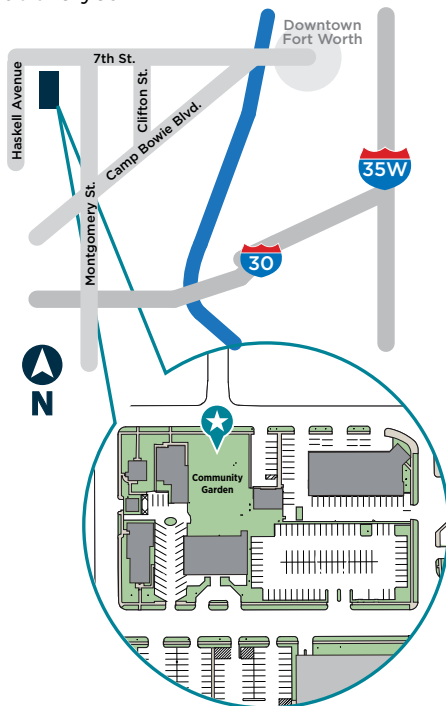
- Archie's Gardenland
- Calloway's Nursery
- Silver Creek Materials
- Tarrant Area Food Bank
- HSC Grounds Crew
- HSC Sustainability Committee

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